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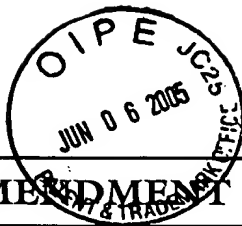
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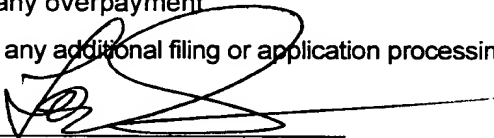
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Docket No. M4065.0404/P404		
Application No. 09/730,780-Conf. #9134		Filing Date December 7, 2000		Examiner C. E. Lee	Art Unit 2112
Applicant(s): A. K. Porterfield					
Invention: ARBITRATION METHOD FOR A SOURCE STROBED BUS					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2005 (Paper No. 20050223), finally rejecting claims 1-38 and 40-56, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 19 of this paper.